also has a component for providing community toilet facilities to the slum dwellers.

(c) National Slum Policy is under finalisation.

Expenditure on 24-Hour Satellite Channel Programmes

*416. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 9.5 crore was allocated for 24-hour Satellite Channel Programmes for commissioning, dubbing etc., for the year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, how much was spent during the year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a sum of Rs. 72.8 crore has been allocated for the year 2002-2003 for the above purpose; and

(d) if so, how much was spent upto June, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The sum of Rs. 9.5 crores refers to the amount projected in the Special Package for the North-Eastern Region and Island Territories for additional expenditure expected to be incurred on commissioning of programmes, dubbing capsuling and packaging of programmes, royalty for obtaining multiple telecast rights for feature films etc. for the 24-hour North East Satellite Channel. Prasar Bharati has informed that a sum of Rs. 3,67,50,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Sixty Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand) was allocated for commissioning of programmes for this Channel in the year 2001-2002 and that the entire amount was spent during the year. No allocations were made for dubbing, capsuling etc. during the year.

(c) and (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that a sum of Rs. 28.00 crores has been allocated in the year 2002-2003 for software, for the whole of the North-Eastern Region, out of which expenditure upto June, 2002 is Rs. 0.05 crores.